

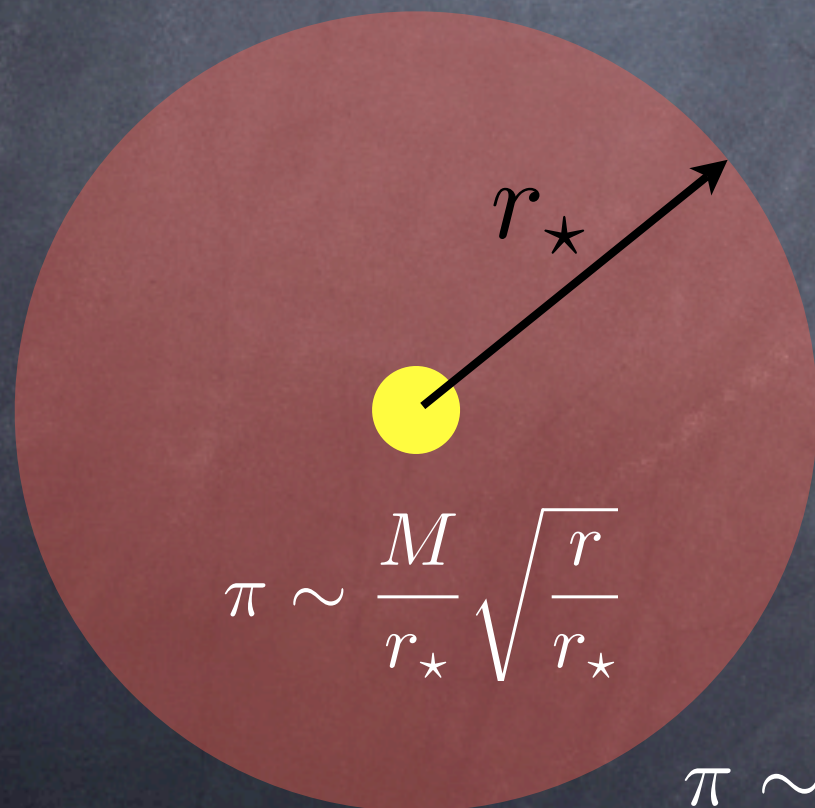
Galileon Mechanism

Vainshtein (1972); Arkani-Hamed, Georgi, Schwartz (2003)
Deffayet, Dvali, Gabadadze & Vainshtein (2002);
Luty, Porrati & Rattazzi (2003); Nicolis & Rattazzi (2004)

4d effective theory in DGP: $\mathcal{L}_\pi = 3(\partial\pi)^2 \left(1 + \frac{\nabla^2\pi}{3\Lambda^3}\right) + \frac{\pi}{M_{\text{Pl}}}\rho$

which enjoys Galilean symmetry: $\partial_\mu\pi \rightarrow \partial_\mu\pi + c_\mu$

$$3\nabla^2\pi + \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \left[(\nabla^2\pi)^2 - (\partial_\mu\partial_\nu\pi)^2 \right] = \frac{\rho}{2M_{\text{Pl}}}$$



where $r_\star = \Lambda^{-1} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^{1/3}$

$$\pi \sim \frac{M}{r}$$

Field generated on a background below Vainshtein radius of large object: $\pi = \pi_0 + \varphi$, $T = T_0 + \delta T$

$$\mathcal{L} = -3(\partial\varphi)^2 + \boxed{\frac{2}{\Lambda^3} (\partial_\mu \partial_\nu \pi_0 - \eta_{\mu\nu} \square \pi_0)} \partial^\mu \varphi \partial^\nu \varphi - \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} (\partial\varphi)^2 \square \varphi + \frac{1}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \varphi \delta T$$

$\sim \left(\frac{r_\star}{r}\right)^{3/2} \gg 1$

Kinetic term is enhanced, which means that, after canonical normalization, coupling to δT is suppressed. The non-linear coupling scale is also raised.

Generalizations: • Higher-order interactions

Nicolis, Rattazzi and Trincherini (2009)

• Multi-galileons

Padilla et al. (2010), Hinterbichler, Trodden and Wesley (2010)

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K. Hinterbichler and J. Khoury, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2010)

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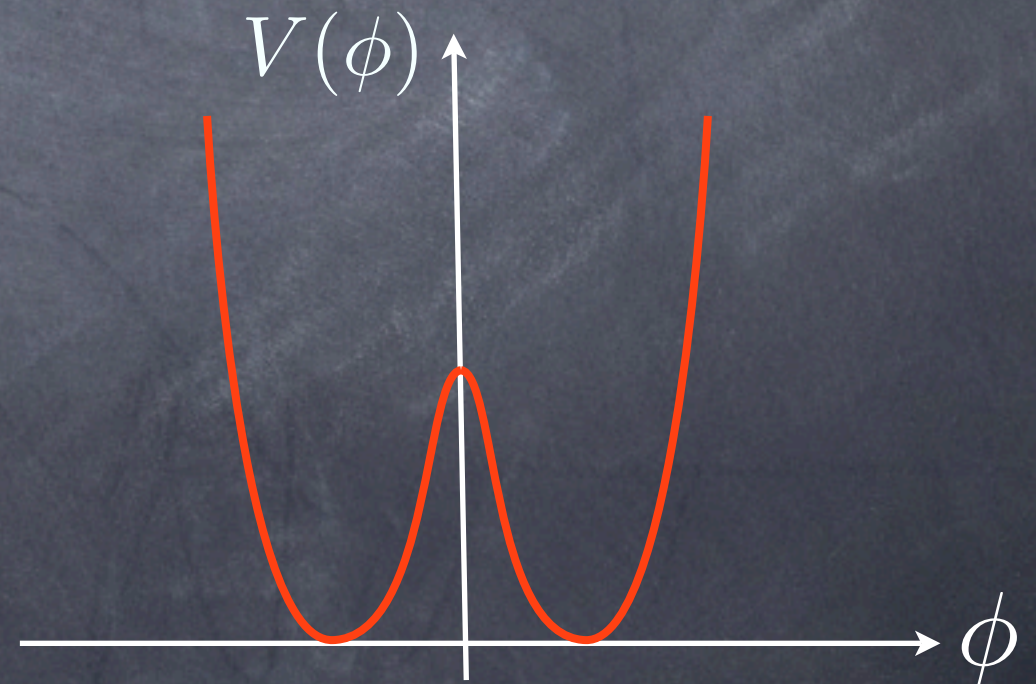
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Potential is of the spontaneous-symmetry-breaking form:

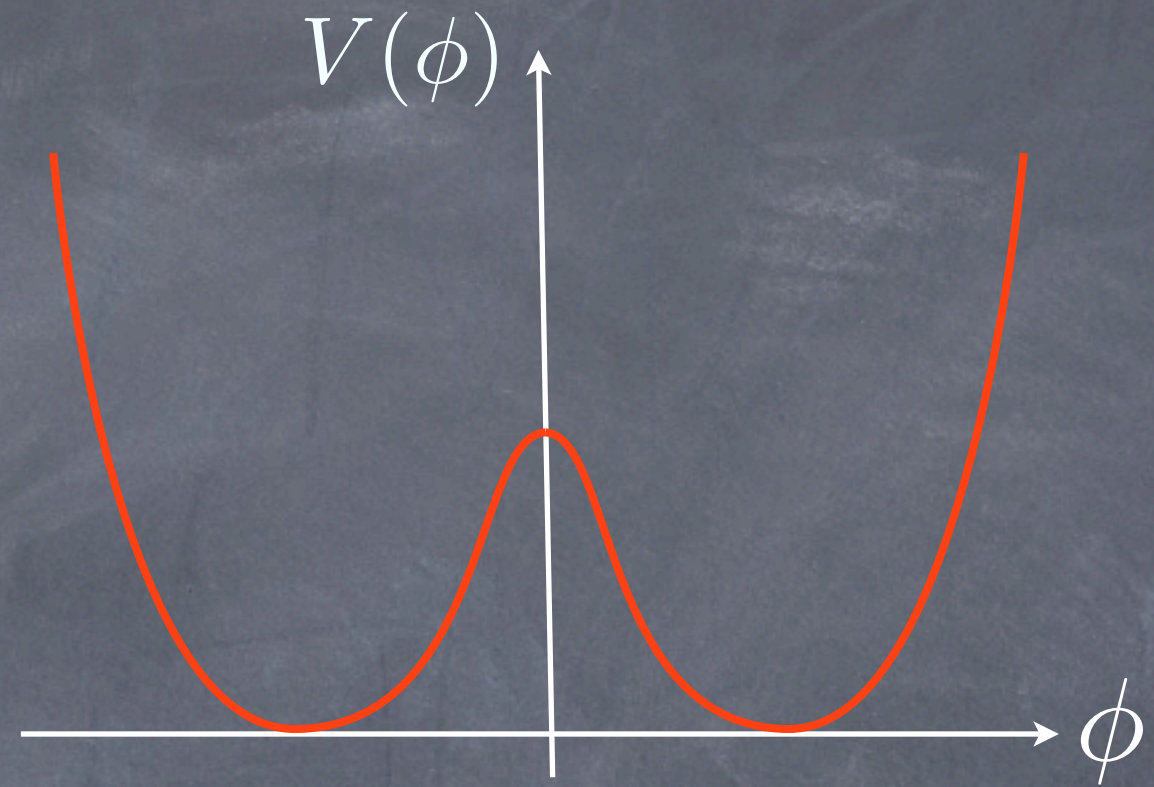
$$V(\phi) = -\frac{1}{2}\mu^2\phi^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda\phi^4$$

Most general renormalizable potential with $\phi \rightarrow -\phi$ symmetry.



Effective Potential

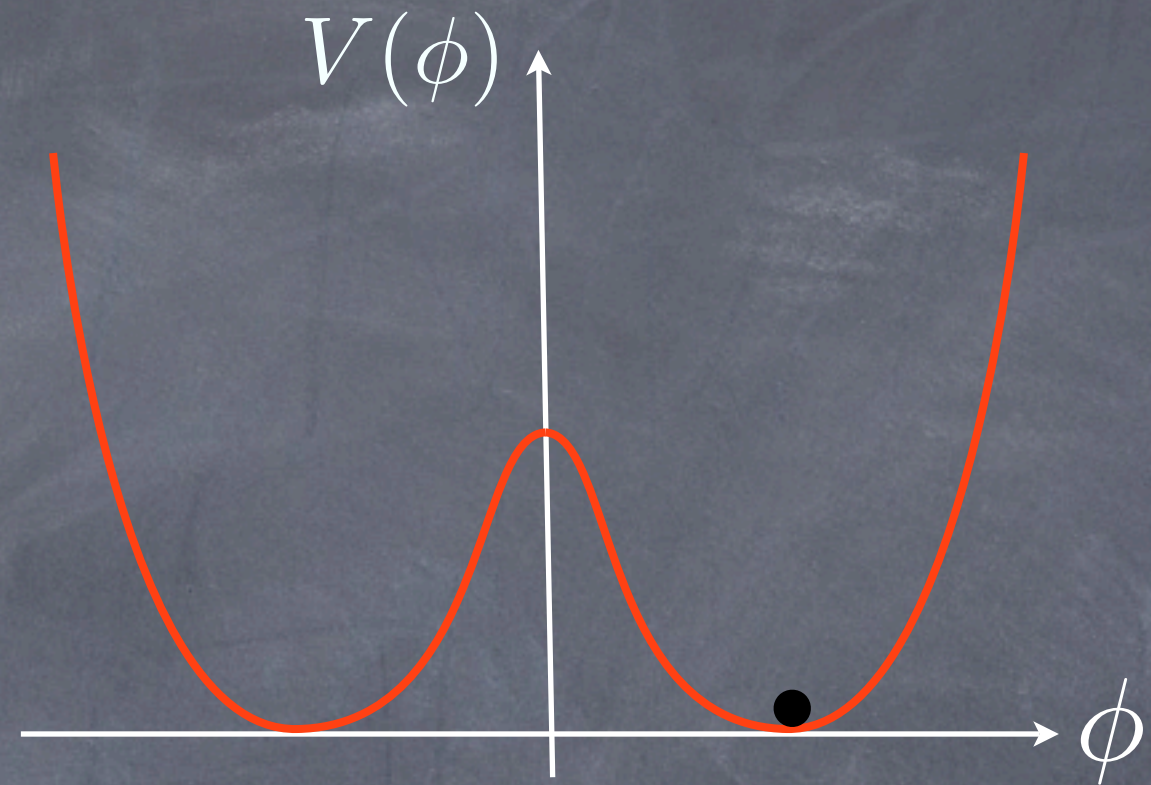
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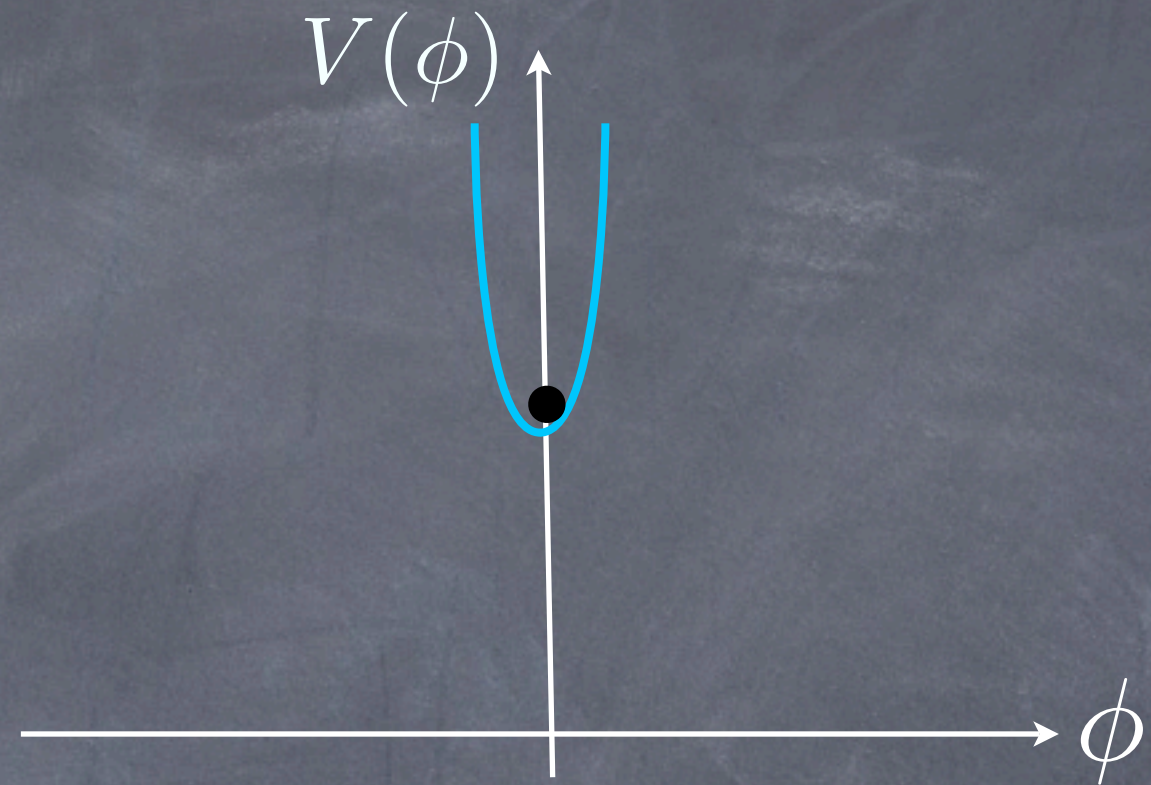


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- Inside source, provided $\rho > \mu^2 M^2$, the symmetry is restored.

Effective Coupling

Perturbations $\delta\phi$ around local background value couple as:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{coupling}} \sim \frac{\bar{\phi}}{M^2} \delta\phi \rho$$

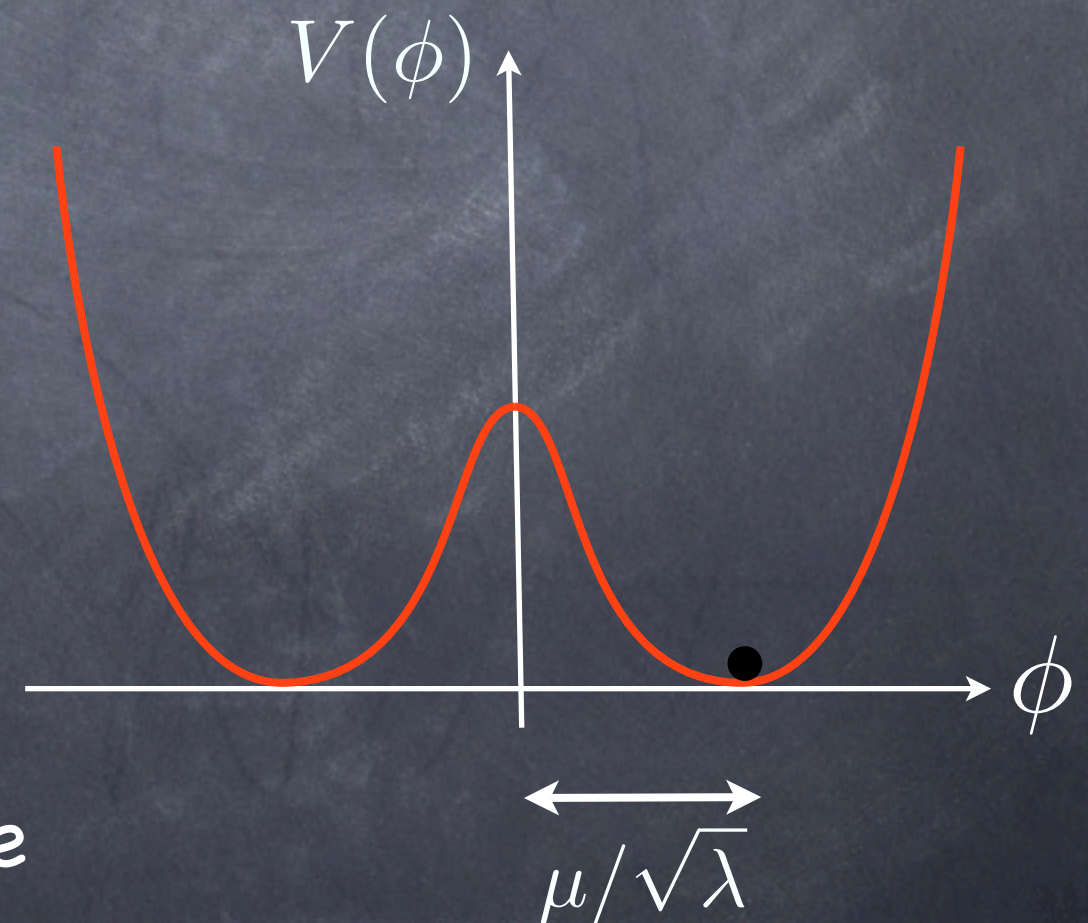
- Symmetron fluctns decouple in high-density regions
- In voids, where Z_2 symmetry is broken,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{coupling}} \sim \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{\lambda} M^2} \delta\phi \rho$$

$$\sim \frac{\delta\phi}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \rho$$

gravitational strength

- Gravitational-strength, Mpc-range
- 5th force in voids.



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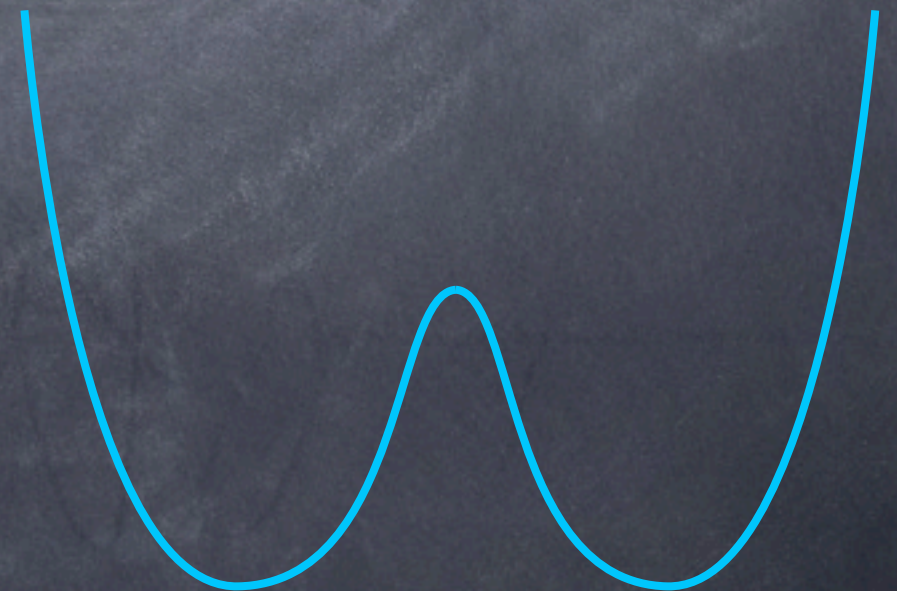
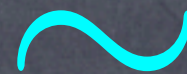
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Thin-Shell Screening Effect

Behavior of solution depends on

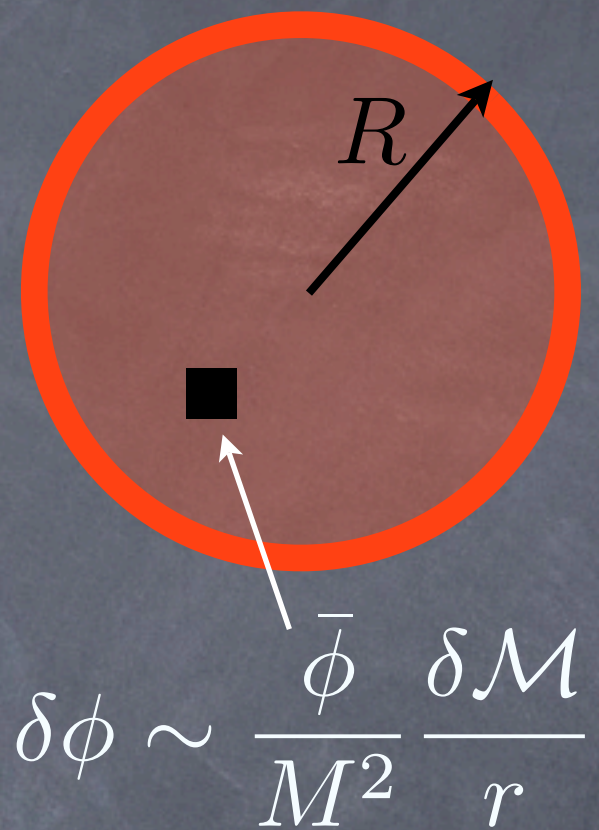
$$\alpha \equiv \frac{\rho R^2}{M^2} = 6 \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{M^2} \Phi_{\text{N}}$$

- For sufficiently massive objects, such that $\alpha \gg 1$, solution is suppressed by thin-shell effect:

$$\phi_{\text{exterior}}(r) \sim \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\mathcal{M}}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2 r} + \phi_0$$

- For small objects, $\alpha \ll 1$, we find $\phi \approx \phi_0$ everywhere

$$\Rightarrow \phi_{\text{exterior}}(r) \sim \frac{\mathcal{M}}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2 r} + \phi_0$$



Parameter Constraints

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}\mu^2\phi^2 - \frac{1}{4}\lambda\phi^4 + \frac{\phi^2}{2M^2}T^\mu_\mu$$

Necessary (and sufficient) condition is that Milky Way has thin shell:

$$\alpha_G = 6\frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{M^2}\Phi_G \gtrsim 1$$

$$\Phi_G \sim 10^{-6}$$

\Rightarrow

$$M \lesssim 10^{-3} M_{\text{Pl}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu \sim \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}}{M} H_0 \gtrsim \text{Mpc}^{-1} \quad \lambda \sim \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^4 H_0^2}{M^6} \gtrsim 10^{-100}$$



Predictions for Tests of Gravity

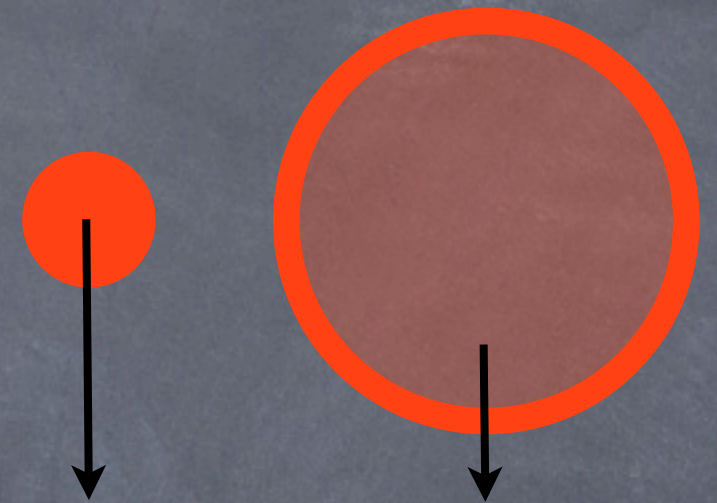
Test	Effective parameter	Current bounds
Time delay/light deflection	$ \gamma - 1 \approx 10^{-5}$	$ \gamma - 1 \approx 10^{-5}$
Nordvedt effect	$ \eta_N \sim 10^{-4}$	$ \eta_N \sim 10^{-4}$
Mercury perihelion shift	$ \gamma - 1 \approx 4 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$ \gamma - 1 \approx 10^{-3}$
Binary pulsars	$\omega_{\text{BD}}^{\text{eff}} \gtrsim 10^6$	$\omega_{\text{BD}}^{\text{eff}} \gtrsim 10^3$

Macroscopic Violations of Equivalence Principle

Khoury & Weltman (2003); Hui, Nicolis and Stubbs (2009)

Because of thin-shell screening, macroscopic objects fall with different acceleration in g-field

$$\vec{a} = -\vec{\nabla}\Phi + \epsilon \frac{\phi}{M^2} \vec{\nabla}\phi$$



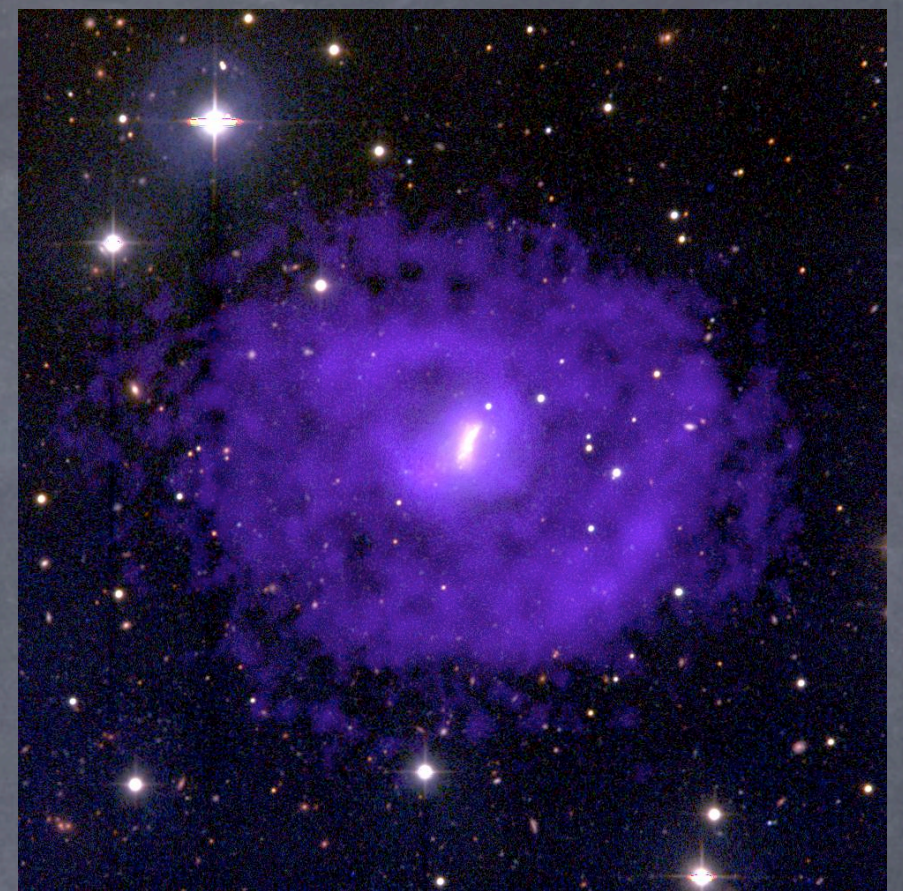
- Unscreened objects ($\epsilon = 1$) feel gravity + symmetron forces
- Screened objects ($\epsilon = 0$) only feel gravity

To maximize effect, look for

- large (\sim Mpc) void regions, so that symmetry is broken and $\bar{\phi}/M^2 = 1/M_{\text{Pl}}$
- look for unscreened objects (i.e. $\Phi < 10^{-7}$) in these voids

Astrophysical signatures

Hui, Nicolis and Stubbs (2009)



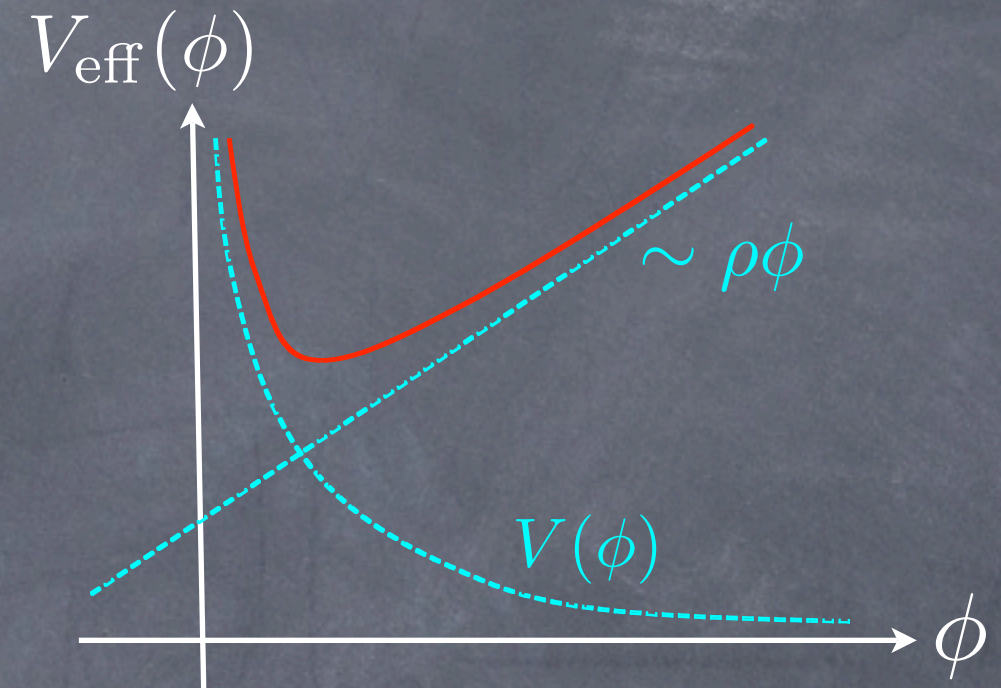
- Look at dwarf galaxies in voids
- Stars are screened ($\Phi \sim 10^{-6}$), but hydrogen gas is unscreened. (Gas itself has only $\Phi \sim 10^{-11}$.)
- Should find systematic $O(1)$ discrepancy in the mass estimates based on these two tracers.

NOTE: Effect also possible in chameleon theory but not generic. In the symmetron case, it is generic.

Distinguishable from Other Screening Mechanisms

Chameleon

- Potential is non-renormalizable, e.g. $V(\phi) = M^{4+n}/\phi^n$
- Tightest constraint comes from laboratory tests of gravity, and this results in tiny signals for solar system tests [Khoury & Weltman \(2003\)](#)



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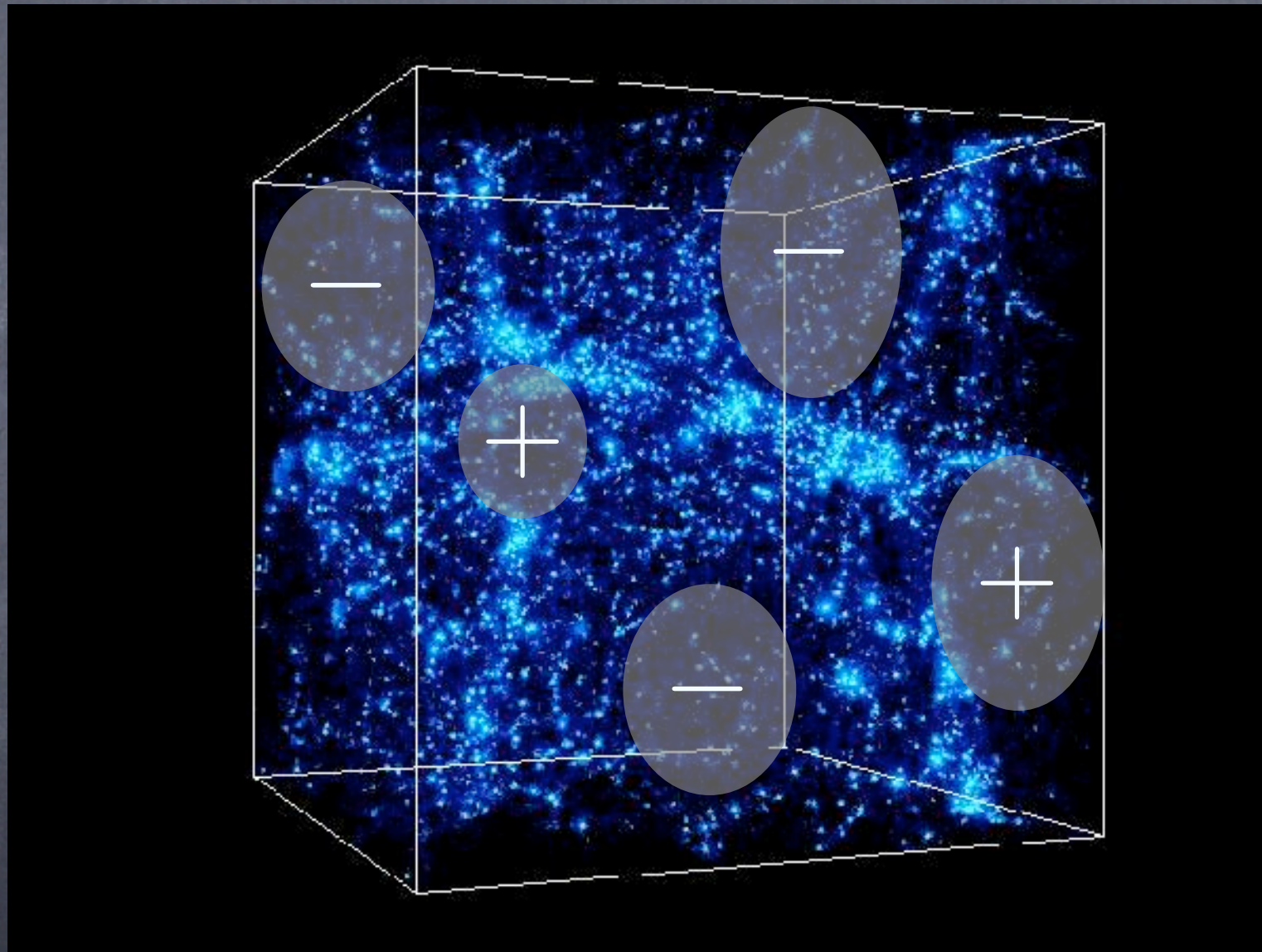
- Predicts LLR signal measurable by APOLLO, but insignificant time-delay/light deflection signals. [Dvali, Gruzinov and Zaldarriaga \(2002\)](#)
- No macroscopic violations of EP [Hui, Nicolis and Stubbs \(2009\)](#)

In progress...

1. Symmetron Defects

Levy, Matas, Hinterbichler, Hui & Khoury, in progress

In void regions larger than $\mu^{-1} \approx \text{Mpc}$, symmetron takes values $\phi = \pm\mu/\sqrt{\lambda}$

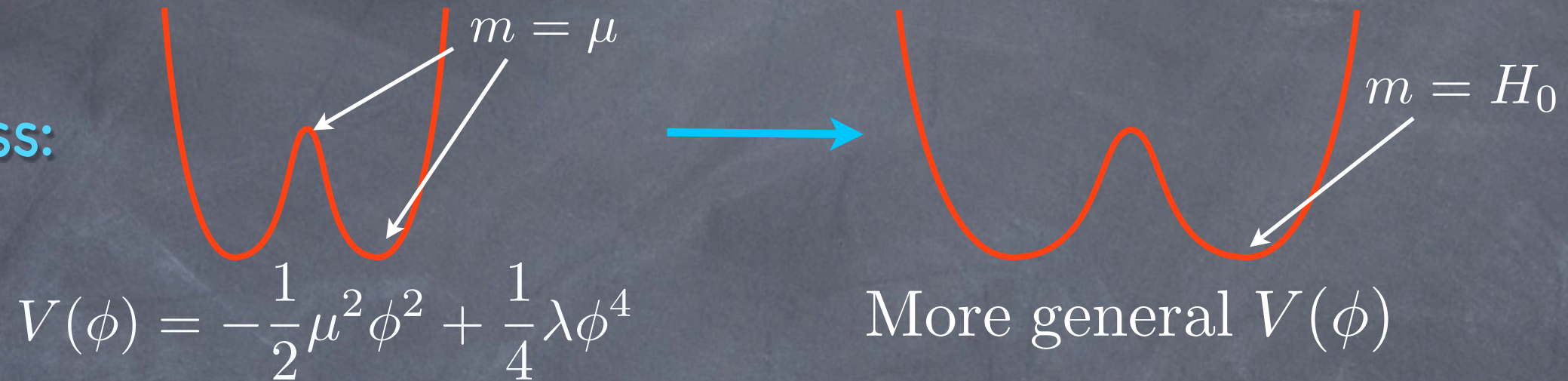


Multiple symmetrons \implies global strings, monopoles... ?

2. Cosmology

Levy, Matas, Hinterbichler & Khoury, in progress
Wang, Hui & Khoury, in progress

* Hubble mass:



e.g.

$$V(\phi) = H_0^2 M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \left(e^{-\phi^2/M^2} + \frac{M}{M_{\text{Pl}}} e^{\phi^2/M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \right)$$

* Self-acceleration? $\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = \left(1 + \frac{\phi^2}{2M^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\phi^4}{M^4}\right) \right)^2 g_{\mu\nu}$

If no acceleration in Einstein frame, then can we have acceleration in Jordan frame because $\Delta\phi \sim M$?

3. Tantalizing Hints?

Wyman & J. Khoury, PRD (2010)

Lima, Wyman & J. Khoury, in progress

i) Large Scale Bulk Flows

- Local bulk flow within $50 h^{-1}\text{Mpc}$ is $407 \pm 81 \text{ km/s}$

Watkins, Feldman & Hudson (2008)

- LCDM prediction is $\approx 180 \text{ km/s}$

Find: $v < 240 \text{ km/s}$

ii) Bullet Cluster (1E0657-57)

- Requires $v_{\text{infall}} \approx 3000 \text{ km/s}$
at 5Mpc separation

Mastropietro & Burkett (2008)

- Probability in LCDM is between 3.3×10^{-11} and 3.6×10^{-9}

Lee & Komatsu (2010)

Find: 10^4 enhancement in prob.



iii) Void phenomenon

Peebles, astro-ph/0712.2757
Nusser, Gubser & Peebles, PRD (2005)

$$V(r) = -\frac{\beta G m^2}{r} e^{-r/r_s}$$

with $\beta \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$; $r_s \sim \text{Mpc}$

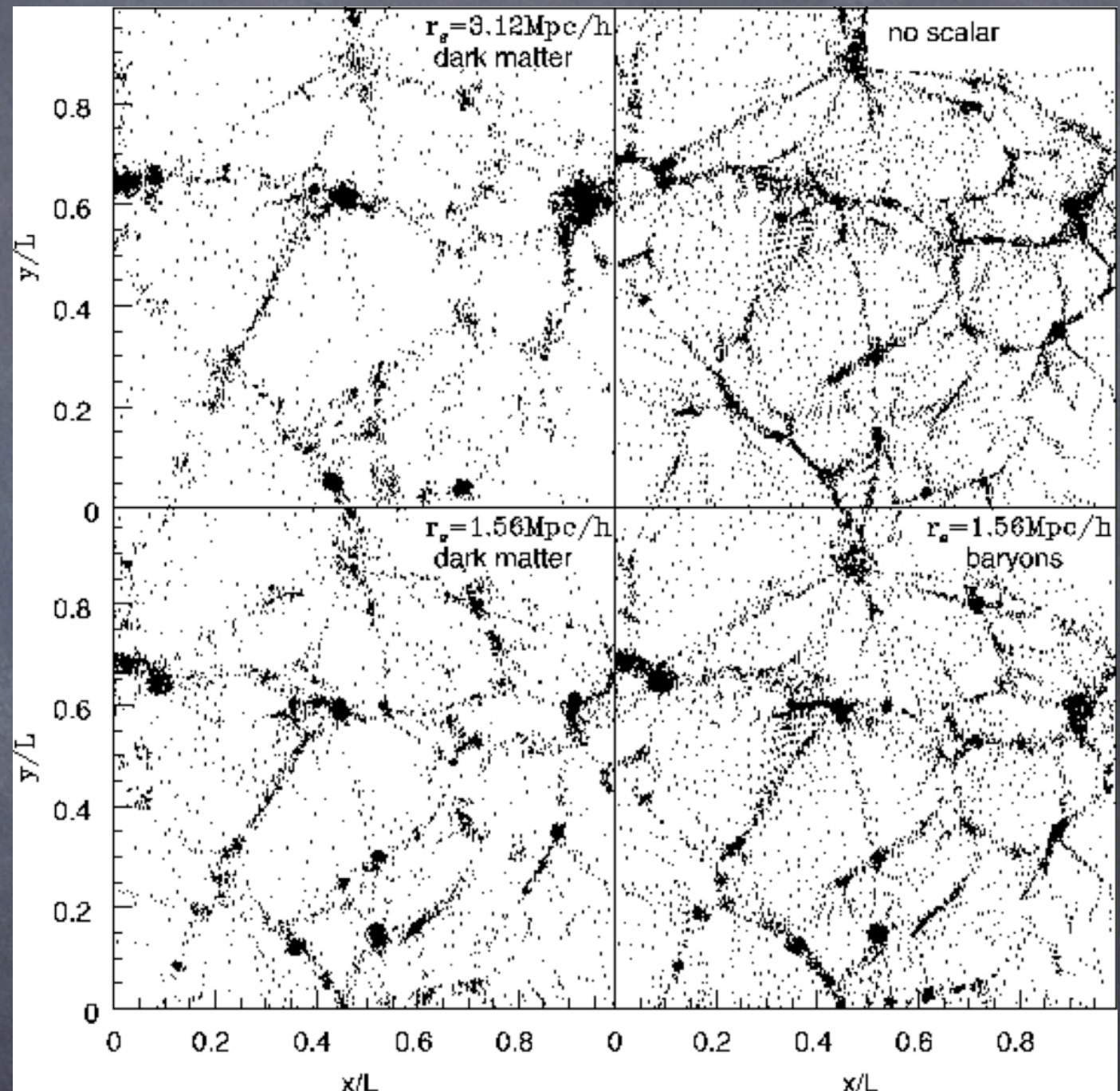
Between DM only!!!

* However, Yukawa force is tightly constrained on galactic scales:

$$\beta < 0.1$$

Kesden & Kamionkowski, PRL (2007)

(See, however, Peebles et al. (2009).)



But screening mechanism circumvents Kesden–Kamionkowski because
Milky Way is screened.

Conclusions

- If new forces are associated with dark sector, then some screening mechanism is required by local tests of gravity
- Chameleon and Symmetron mechanisms rely on density-dependent mass and coupling, respectively.
- Rich phenomenology for laboratory, solar-system and cosmological tests of gravity

Cosmological consequences?

- Peculiar velocities, high-velocity mergers, void phenomenon
- Topological defects